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QUESTIONS ON POSSIBLE US COURSES OF ACTION IN THE FAR EAST

A. Prior to any identifiable Chinese Communist aggression in Southeast Asia:

1. What is the likelihood that the UK, France, Australia, and New Zealand would agree to join with the US in warning Communist China that military action would be taken against it in the event of identifiable Chinese Communist aggression in Southeast Asia.
2. What is the likelihood that Asiatic governments (particularly the Philippines, Thailand, India, Japan) would join in such a warning?
3. How would such a warning affect Chinese Communist intentions? Soviet intentions?
4. With regard to the considerations raised in question 1, 2, and 3, what would be the relative merits of a public versus secret diplomatic warning?
5. What would be the probable international reaction to such a joint warning?
 - a. On the part of the peoples and governments of Southeast Asia?
 - b. On the part of the peoples and governments of India and other "fence-sitting" states?
 - c. On the part of NATO countries not participating in the joint warning?

B. In the event of identifiable Chinese Communist aggression against Southeast Asia:

1. What are the prospects that the UN would declare Communist China an aggressor and sanction the military action against Communist China envisaged in the above warning?

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2. In the event that the UN should not take immediate or effective action against a Chinese Communist aggression, what support could the US expect for retaliatory action against Communist China independently of the UN?

3. How would the peoples and governments of Southeast Asia, India, and Japan react to the actual execution of the joint military action envisaged against Communist China?

4. How would powers engaged in this joint action then regard the employment of Chinese Nationalist forces against Communist China? How would the peoples and governments of Southeast Asia, India, and Japan then regard the employment of Chinese Nationalist forces against Communist China?

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